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Postgraduate school began quietly nearly 80 years ago

by John Sanders

The beginning was certainly inauspicious: ten students, two instructors, one program of study, and an attic for academic spaces. Yet, despite the austere origin, the belief that advanced education for U.S. naval officers could be intrinsically valuable to the Navy would grow. And half a century after its start, the Navy's initial advanced program would be transformed into a fully accredited, highly acclaimed graduate institution.

The idea of a graduate education program for naval officers first emerged in the late 19th century; initially, the concept found few advocates. But when the pace of scientific and technological innovation seemed to increase dramatically in the early 1900s — with Marconi's invention of the "wireless" in 1901, the Wright brothers' flight in 1903, and the record-setting world cruise of the steam powered White Fleet from 1907 to 1909 — opinion changed.

The first school

In June 1909, Secretary of the Navy G. L. Meyer signed General Order No. 27, establishing a school of marine engineering at Annapolis. This small program, consisting of ten officer students and two Navy instructors, would become the forerunner of today's Naval Postgraduate School.

The Navy secretary's order placed the fledgling school under the direction of the Naval Academy superintendent, who was charged with securing "ample use of the educational plant of the Naval Academy to students and instructors of the school without interfering with the instruction of midshipmen." This translated into two attic rooms being set aside for classroom and laboratory space for the school.

Within three years, Meyer agreed to a proposal to change the school. On October 31, 1912, he signed Navy General Order No. 233 which renamed the school the Postgraduate Department of the Naval Academy. The order established courses of study in ordnance and gunnery, electrical

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engineering, radio telegraphy, naval construction, and civil engineering, as well as continuing the original program in marine engineering. With the additional curricula, enrollment increased to 25. Officers who attended the school finished their academic programs at civilian institutions, such as Yale, Harvard, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Johns Hopkins and Columbia universities.

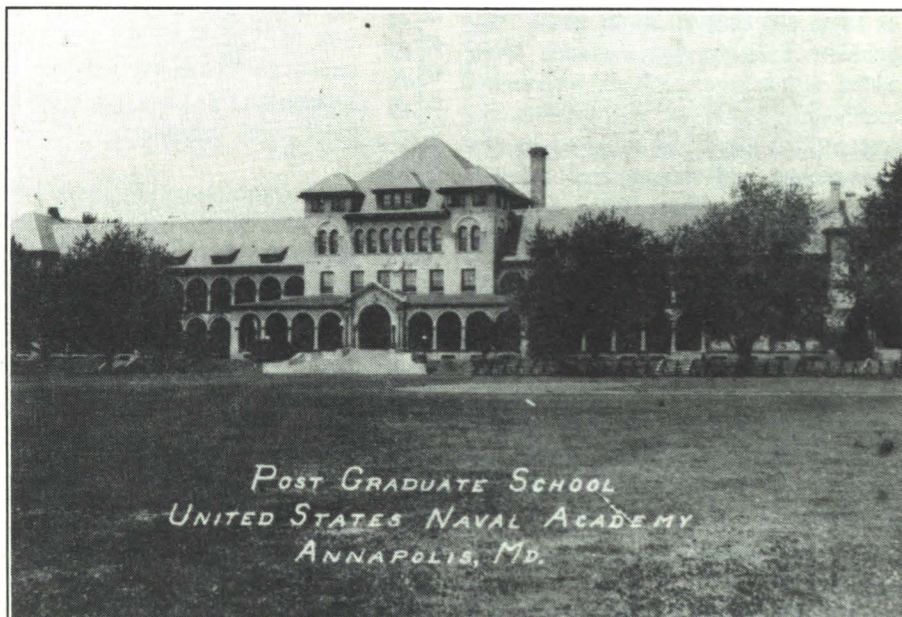
A 1913 letter written by Dr. J.S. Ames, director of the physical laboratory at Johns Hopkins University, following his visit to

the school summed up a prevailing attitude.

Said Ames: "It is perfectly obvious to anyone familiar with engineering that in the present four-year course at the Academy it is impossible for instruction to be given in more than the elements of modern engineering, and when we remember that the naval officers are in control of such a complicated mechanism as a battleship it is easily understood that they must sooner or later be given opportunities for studying the advanced topics in engineering, such as wireless telegraph, etc., which must be brought to their attention."

The Postgraduate Department closed its doors in 1917, as both officer students and faculty joined the war effort. It reopened in 1919 with a student population of 34 and a new curriculum in mechanical engineering. The head of the school continued to report to the superintendent of the Naval Academy and the practice of sending officers to civilian universities to complete a degree program, following initial work in

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The old Marine barracks near the Naval Academy was converted in the early 1900s to provide both classroom and laboratory spaces, along with quarters, for officers attending the Naval Postgraduate School.

Controversy highlights early years at school



Capt. Hillar Sarepera is the current "dean of students" at NPS. The school that began in 1909 with 10 officers now provides advanced education for more than 1,700 students each year.

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the Postgraduate Department, was resumed.

The decade of the 1920s witnessed both growth and retrenchment for the small school. The program was reorganized and its name was changed to the Naval Postgraduate School; new curricula were added, such as aerological and aeronautical engineering; student enrollments increased, and the school accepted its first inter-service and international officers. But, at the same time, Naval Academy Superintendent Rear Adm. Henry Wilson began to make a case to abolish the school. Wilson asked Navy brass to terminate the postgraduate school at the Academy and, if the concept was deemed to be truly worthy, to establish a similar program through a civilian university. He recommended the University of Chicago as a new home. The issue erupted into a controversy between Wilson and Annapolis merchants, and later drew Congressional oversight.

Congress disagreed with Wilson. The school remained intact, and continued to evolve. In 1927 a General Line School was placed under the direction of the postgraduate school and, by the early 1930s, enrollment increased to well over 250.

Check-in program next week

A "one-stop check-in" for all new student officers will be held on Thursday, Feb. 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Barbara McNitt Ballroom in Herrmann Hall.

This one-stop check-in will eliminate the need for new students to report to several offices during the check-in process by making it possible for most of the paperwork to be done in one location.

After reporting to the quarterdeck in Herrmann Hall, new students will report directly to the Correspondence and Records office, Room 131, to pick up a check-in packet. The packet will contain various forms that must be completed before the "one-stop check-in." Officers will then report to their respective curricular offices for further instructions.

To prevent long lines, the following schedule will be followed.

8:30 a.m.

Operations Analysis
Electronics & Communications
Antisubmarine Warfare/EW

9:30 a.m.

Weapons Engineering
Naval Engineering
Air-Ocean Sciences

10:30 a.m.

Computer Technology
National Security & Intelligence
Command, Control & Communications
Space Systems Operations

Supply Department Notebook

SACONS implementation almost complete!

SACONS (Standard Automated CONTRACTing System) is beginning to pay dividends in the Procurement Management Branch (PMB). After struggling with a tremendous backlog during the current implementation of SACONS, the PMB has turned the corner on reducing the backlog and its associated procurement action lead time.

In November 1988 the backlog rose to an all-time high of almost 600 purchase actions and was continuing to rise rapidly. A "full-court press" applied by the procurement staff, coupled with significant system improvements by Mike Spencer and Terri Ballencer, tamed the rising backlog. The backlog fell below 350 at the end of January.

We still have some ground to cover before the backlog has been conquered, but at least we're moving in the right direction!

Procurement action lead time (PALT) is the time that elapses after

a purchase action request reaches Issue Control until a purchase order has been issued. The PMB realizes that PALT is one of the factors by which they are judged by you, the customer, and are constantly working to reduce PALT. Current goals for PALT are five days for routine contracting actions, three days for routine BPAs, and same day for high priority requirements. The PMB hopes to attain these goals by mid-February.

The Procurement Management Branch has been working hard to implement SACONS, which is expected to result in improved customer support. They can see the light at the end of the tunnel and hope to have the backlog conquered in a matter of weeks. If you would like to see first hand what's happening in Procurement and observe SACONS in action, contact the supply officer at ext. 2181.

Supply is striving to serve you better!

—Lt. Cmdr. Barry Boyd

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Employees limited on continuation pay

by the Civilian Personnel Office

This is a reminder to employees and supervisors that continuation of pay for traumatic leave can only be used for 90 days after the employee returns to duty. After the expiration of the 90-day period any absence from work must be charged to leave without pay, annual leave or sick leave. Also, employees can file a CA-7, the claim for compensation of account of traumatic injury or occupational disease. The compensation percentage is 66.67% of the annual salary for single employees and 75% for an employee with dependents. For more information, contact Glenda Coleman at ext. 3277.

Vacancy announcements: Applications for the following positions are now being accepted in the Civilian Personnel Office under the Merit Staffing Program. For further information consult the vacancy announcement in your department or call ext. 2001.

Vacancies: computer specialist, GM-13, FNOC; engineering equipment operator, WG-8, public works; librarian, GS-11, library; firefighter (structural), GS-5, fire department.

Temporary appointment not to exceed one year: air conditioning equipment mechanic, WG-10.

F.Y.I.

Blood donations save \$\$\$

An Armed Services Blood Bank blood drive will be held Tuesday, Feb. 14, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Barbara McNitt Ballroom.

During fiscal year 1988, four area military hospitals spent \$485,000 on blood purchased from civilian blood agencies. Armed Services Blood Bank hopes to reduce the cost of obtaining blood by conducting a successful blood drive. The NPS goal is 250 pints, and the whole process takes only 45 minutes.

For most healthy people giving blood is safe, simple and saves lives.

Poets and performers

The Staff Wives Club is sponsoring a Valentine's Day luncheon with poet and troubador Ric Masten on Thursday, Feb. 9. Reservations should be made by Feb. 7. See the "Campus Calendar" for other details.

The National Naval Officers Association and the Equal Employment Opportunity Office are co-sponsoring a performance by the Ceedo West African Dance Company on Thursday, Feb. 16, in King Hall. Tickets are \$5 each; they can be purchased from the NPS Rec Office.

No rain, no gain

Lack of rain clouds on the horizon in January means that water conservation efforts at NPS are more important than ever.

According to Ens. Andy Bolt, last month's water use on the main grounds dropped only 13 percent below 1987 consumption. The goal of a 20 percent reduction was met by La Mesa residents, Bolt said.



Preventing bicycle theft

Here's how to make it harder for a would-be bicycle thief:

1. Never leave your bicycle unlocked, even at home.
2. Always chain your bicycle to a fixed object in a conspicuous place when leaving it, even if only for a short time.
3. Use a sturdy padlock.
4. Always chain both the rear wheel and the frame.
5. Store your bicycle indoors when possible.

--Officer Tamara Colon

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Campus Calendar

-Friday February 3-

1110, 1125 & 1140, SPANAGEL HALL RMS
321, 429 & 316
MSEE THESIS PRESENTATIONS

1200, LA NOVIA ROOM

NPS TOASTMASTERS
(POC: LTJG PAT HENDRICKS, X4592)

-Thursday February 9-

0830, BARBARA MCNITT BALLROOM
"ONE STOP CHECK-IN"

1130, LA NOVIA ROOM

STAFF WIVES CLUB VALENTINE
LUNCHEON PROGRAM
RESERVATIONS BY FEB 7

(POC: ADRIENNE DENK, 625-3928,
LORRAINE CORNELIUS, 394-5612, OR
BETH LINDSEY, 484-1213)

-Saturday February 11-

1800, BARBARA MCNITT BALLROOM
NAVY SUPPLY CORPS
BIRTHDAY BALL

(POC: CMDR JOHN JACKSON, X2536)

-Tuesday February 14-

0700, BARBARA MCNITT BALLROOM
ARMED SERVICES BLOOD BANK CENTER
BLOOD DRIVE
(POC: LT MICHELLE LESLIE, X2060)

0900, HERRMANN HALL BASEMENT
OSWC VALENTINES BAKE SALE

-Wednesday February 15-

1830, LA NOVIA ROOM
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NAVAL
ENGINEERS DINNER MEETING

-Thursday February 16-

1900, KING HALL
CEEDO WEST AFRICAN DANCE COMPANY
NNOA/EEO BLACK HISTORY
MONTH PROGRAM

DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR TAX
PREPARATION SEMINAR

(POC: FAMILY SERVICE CENTER, X3060)

-Tuesday February 21-

1515, ROOT HALL RM 202
OFFICER STUDENT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING
(POC: LT CMDR JIM KEAR, X2536)

Tax preparation seminar

The Family Service Center is sponsoring a tax preparation seminar by the IRS on Feb. 23 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The seminar, covering topics such as deductions for moving expenses, educational allowances, medical and child care expenses, will be held in Ingersoll Hall Room 122. Reservations should be made through the family center at ext. 3060 no later than Feb 16.

Sports beat

by JOSH Davis Bowden

The 1st annual President's Day Slow Pitch Softball Tournament will be held Feb. 25-26, at Sparks Field.

The tournament costs \$80 per team and registration fees are due by Feb. 17. The three ball/two strike rules will apply. For more information call the Rec Office at 646-2466.

Love Run

More than 1000 runners and walkers are expected to participate in the fourth annual "Together With Love 10K Run," Feb. 12, starting at 9 a.m. at Lover's Point in Pacific Grove.



Registration fee is \$10 prior to Feb. 12 and \$12 on race day. Couples must pre-register before race day. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. on race day at Lover's Point. Pre-registration packets can be picked up at Waddell Sports Center or the NPS Public Affairs Office.

For more information call 373-3389.

Basketball

As basketball season bounces along, Aerocats I slid past Aerocats II 43-42 in

"A" league action. In other "A" league games, Thunder & Lightning shocked Random Deviates 53-44, NNOA Eagles bounced Pubs I 60-58, Weapons opened fire on Eagles II 75-70, and Thunder & Lightning struck again to beat Pubs I 73-70. NNOA Eagles flew past Weapons 57-45, Eagles II slammed Aerocats II 70-55, and Random Deviates blew away Aerocats I 91-45.

In "B" league action, the Maniacs dunked Enlisted Hoopsters 75-45, Hard Hackers bounced Logic Errors 55-37, Eagles topped Seacubers 53-41, and Gamma Slamma bounded over La Mesa Monsters 47-28. Logic Errors beat 44-39, Elbows bounced Logistics 52-41, Greenbacks thrashed La Mesa Monsters 55-33, while Seacubers pounded Enlisted Hoopsters 68-42. Hard Hackers demolished Gamma Slamma 75-36, Logic Errors shot down Eagles I 58-47, Elbows slammed M.E. 58-34, and Logistics won their first against Maniacs 50-48.

Rec News

The Ceedo West African Dance Company will perform Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. in King Hall Auditorium. Abdoulaye Diakate and Allasane Kane will be featured in this event presented by the National Naval Officers' Association and the NPS Equal Opportunity Office.

Admission is \$5.00. For ticket information contact the Rec Office at ext. 2466, the Fort Ord ITT office at 242-3092, or Center Stage Ticketing at 649-5561.

At the Movies

All movies will be shown at 7 p.m. except where noted and are subject to change. For more information about the movie schedule call 242-5566.

Barker Theater (at Fort Ord main exchange)

Friday, Feb. 3 - Rambo III (R)

Saturday, Feb. 4 - Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (1:30 p.m. PG)

Saturday, Feb. 5 - Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (PG)

Sunday, Feb. 6 - Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (PG)

Presidio of Monterey Theater

Friday, Feb. 3 - Nightmare on Elm Street, part IV (R)

Saturday, Feb. 4 - Fresh Horses (PG-13)

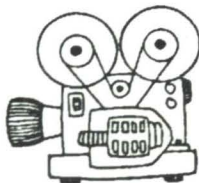
Sunday, Feb. 5 - Rambo III (R)

Hanson Theater (at Fort Ord on Sixth Avenue near Bay View Chapel)

Friday, Feb. 3 - High Spirits (PG-13)

Saturday, Feb. 4 - My Stepmother is an Alien (PG-13)

Sunday, Feb. 5 - My Stepmother is an Alien (PG-13)



Classifieds

For Sale: Men's golf clubs - Spalding "Executive" series, 2-9 iron, with sand wedge; 1-4 woods. All excellent condition, \$80. Call Cmdr. Sherwood at 646-2023.

For Sale: Juki electric typewriter with printer port for LQ printing - 3 wheels/extras, \$185. Call 375-7765.

For Sale: Hitachi CGA monitor with stand/cable/anti-glare, \$215. Call 375-7765.

For Rent: Bedroom in large luxurious home, new washer/dryer, microwave, patio, HBO, etc., three miles from base, \$449.50. Military deposit reduction program offered, and no increase in rent. Should see to appreciate great savings. Call 384-3076.

For Sale: Raleigh 502 Sportif 10-speed bike. Men's 25" frame, excellent condition, \$150. Call 372-6826.

For Sale: 1986 Toyota Tercel, 3-dr, DLX, 3-speed, at/air/ps. Excellent condition, low miles. Call Chris at 649-6457.

For Sale: Moving sale, 1982 Chevette, household appliances, carpet, 10-gallon aquarium, infant car seat, etc. Call 372-2022.

Wanted: Professors to participate in faculty indoctrination on Feb. 15-16 in San Diego. For more information contact your chairman or Cmdr. Donnelly at ext. 2056.

Wanted: Professors to go to sea. Spend a week on the USS Texas and travel from Alameda to San Diego from Feb. 28 to Mar. 3. For more information contact Cmdr. Donnelly at ext. 2056.

Situation Wanted: New NPS employee looking for fellow employee to share daily commute between Santa Cruz and Monterey. Desire non-smoking, courteous driver. If interested, call Eloise Marks, ext. 2552.

For Sale: Apple IIE, 128K, 80 col., 51/4" duo disk, 2x3.5" 800K disk. mockingboard, modem, mouse, numeric keypad. Epson printer, extensive software. Call 649-8072. Entered 1-5-89